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EMPLOYMENT IN NALCO
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of landoustees in Orissa who have lost their land for NALCO project are constantly agitating for employment;

(b) if so, the steps taken by NALCO to review such cases and provide employment to the substantially affected persons;

(c) if not, whether the NALCO proposes to consider one time cash assistance in lieu of such employment to these persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR.T.SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) management has informed that these agitational issues demanding employment in the company have been discussed with various departments of State Government, viz, Revenue and Administration and accordingly policy decisions taken for provision of rehabilitation assistance including employment in the company for the local displaced persons and substantially affected persons. Moreover, these issues are reviewed periodically by a Rehabilitation Advisory Committee constituted under the chairmanship of concerned Revenue Divisional Commissioner. The said Committee comprises, among others, the local people`s representatives.

(c) & (d): As a sequel to the decision taken in the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee at Angul Sector, NALCO has since developed a policy for one time cash assistance linked to the quantum of land in lieu of employment and options have been sought from the identified substantially affected families for the same. Accordingly, 57 substantially affected persons at Angul have opted for the same.